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Dr. Albert B. Sabin
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Dear Dr. Sabin:

In connection with current studies on the formation of protoplasts in *Escherichia coli*, I can't help but return to the problems of L-forms which have recurred from time to time in this laboratory. I realize that their similarities may be more or less profound, but at least as background, I would like to familiarize myself with pleuropneumonia-like forms.

Have you maintained your collection of these over the years? If so, could I ask you for subcultures of one or two types that might be most favorable for seeing their mode of multiplication? Other things being equal, a saprophytic form ~~might~~ that could be grown on non-proteinaceous medium would be preferred.

If you cannot conveniently comply ~~with~~ with this request, to whom might you refer me in this country?

In the same connection, I would appreciate any of your publications or reviews on these organisms as may still be available.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics